THE

EXECUTION

Of the 11 Prisoners that suffer'd at

TYBURN,

And one in

Little-Brittain,

On *Wednesday* the 22th of this Instant *January*, 1679. With the manner of their behaviour in *Newgate* before Execution. *Viz.*

Rich. Mills, *John Butler*, *William Brown*, *Christopher Brunker*, *George Kenyon*, all of them for a Robbery in *Hatton-Garden*.

William Adkins, } For a Burglary.
Anthony Tyler, }

Francis Jones, For a Burglary.

Timothy Smith, } For a Burglary in the
Margaret Wallis, } *Strand*.

William Brain, For Horse-stealing.

Robt. Freeman, For shooting his Master.

WITH

The description of every Mans Fact for which he dyed.

With Allowance.

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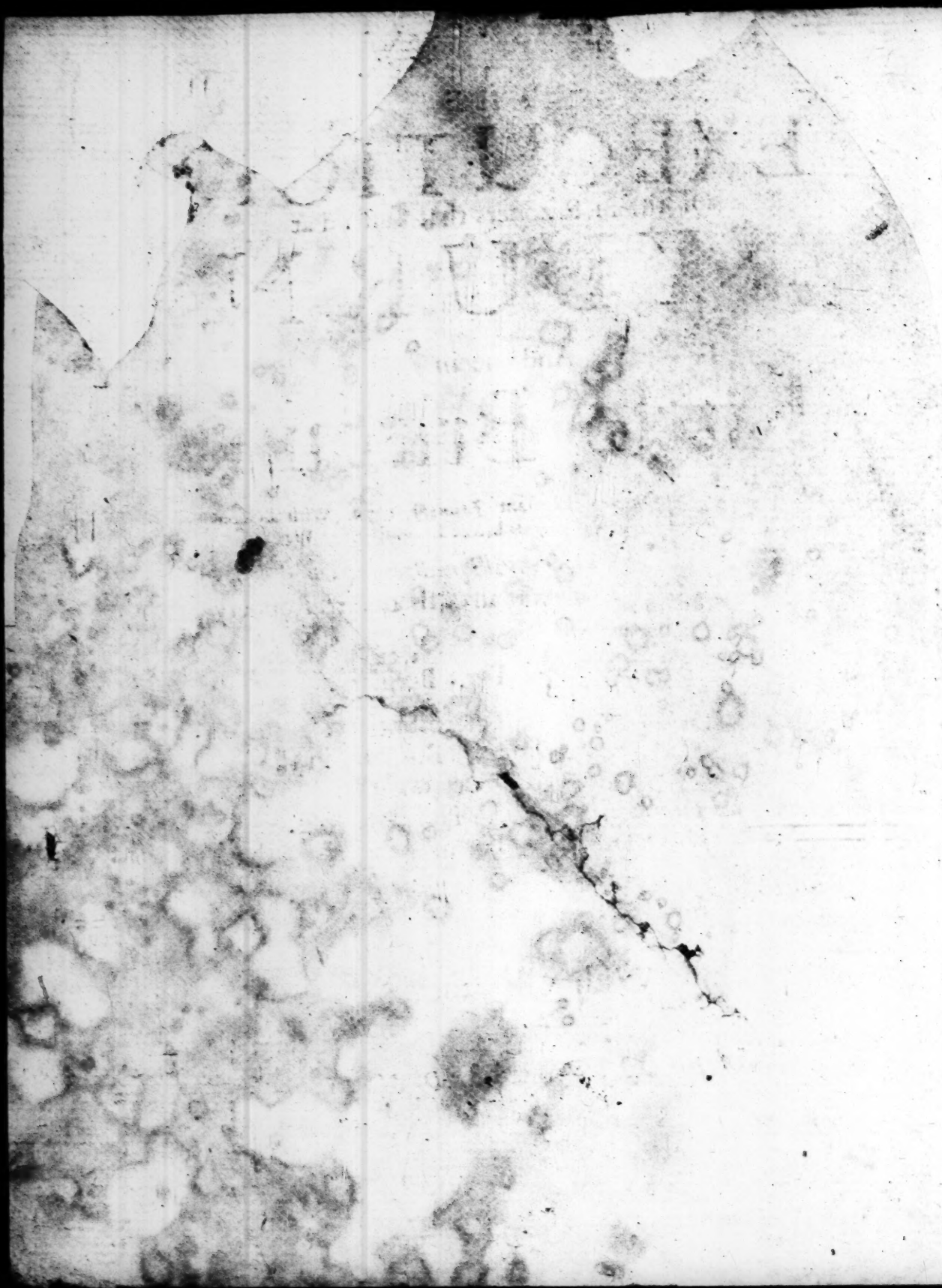

The Confeſſion and Execution of the Priſoners that were executed at Tyburn *on* Wedneſday *the* 22th *of this Inſtant* January. 1679.

IT would almoſt amaze a ſerious thought to conſider with what head-long fury ſome men attempt their own deſtruction, even to throw themſelves into the gaping Jaws of ruine, and ſpur that Fate, which of it ſelf too ſwiftly hurries on, and winds away the ſhort-ſpan'd Clue of their diaſtered Lives; they ſin ſecure, and never dream of Ills whiles Juſtice whets his Sword and gives command to Time, who orders Death with his ſuppreſſing ſhafts, to put a period to their impious Crimes, and ſtay their full Career with a diſgraceful end: And yet we can but pity their untimely tranſmigrations from this lower World, if we re-

fleet upon them with impartial thoughts, conſider-ing, they are our Fellow-Creatures, caſt in Natures Mold, the ſame by Heaven made, but yet depraved and made more vile by that deceiving power who dwells in darkneſs, and delights to work on eaſie Souls, and ſnare them with his wiles, and chain them faſt till Juſtice ſtrikes the blow; and then, except they timely do repent, and cloſe with yielding mercy, they are too ſure his own. But let us not be over raſh, for the Almighty's goodneſs is as boundleſs as his power, and he can ſave unto the utmoſt all that come unto him, nor will he caſt them of, if by ſincere contrition they return and claim his gracious promiſe; and yet 'tis dangerous ſo to linger till the utmoſt moment twinckles an Eternity, to ſtand upon the verge of Flames beneath, yet think to reach the Stars, Face Death with joyful expectations, whoſe dread *Menaces* can yield them nought but Terrours; yet ſuch preſumptions have too oft deceived careleſs men, and Satans guilded Bates been luſcious poyſon to their pleaſing taſts, too oft indulged them in their darling ſins, and with deluſions, under ſpecious forms of intereſt, profit, or of growing great, over-powered their craving wills, which before were prone enough to cloſe with ſuch alluring Cheats. But I ſuppoſe the nature of Malefactors is ſo amply known, I need not much inlarge upon the ſubject; for why, they are moſt of them men of leud Converſations, for the greateſt part, who firſt moſt commonly begin with Crimes of a ſmaller note, and by degrees

degrees emboldened in the curſed Trade, they trample upon fear and ſtifle all remorſe; a ſympathy ſo frequently obſerved in their inſolent behaviours, who often have been known, when in their Infancy, to ſcoff at Admonitions, and make a jeſt of Piety, but this is only when they are free and unreſtrained, roving to and fro, as Sacred Writ makes mention, to mark out houſes for themſelves in the day-time, ſo that when darkneſs comes they may break through; but when they are ſhackled by Juſtice, and the ends of all their courſes come before their Eyes, then they are of other minds, and often make their pious departure to another life, as I queſtion not but ſome of theſe untimely Wretches (of which I here intend to treat) have done: The firſt of which in order were *William Adkins* and *Anthony Tyler*, who were indicted for Burglary, were found guilty and ſentenced accordingly; they were both old Offenders, eſpecially the former, for he had been once before condemned, twice burnt in the hand, once in *London*, and once in *Maidſton*, at the Aſſizes held for the County of *Kent*, and were now Executed for breaking open a houſe in *White-Chappel*; to ſee the inevitableneſs of Fate, for as the ancient Proverb moſt truly denotes, *The Pitcher that goes often to the Water at laſt returns broken home*: So it appeared in the Cataſtrophe of theſe Offenders, who, after a long practice of their Helliſh Trade, were intercepted by Juſtice; they confeſſed the Fact,

Fact, and bewailed their former leud vices, their ends were reasonably penitent.

The next were *Richard Mills*, *John Butler*, *Alias Armstrong*, and *William Brown*, *Christopher Brunker*, and *George Kenyon*; these were the notorious Offenders that robbed the house in *Hatton-Garden* after the newest fashion that has been heard of in any Modern Age, for going accouter'd in the habillaments of Trained-band Souldiers, pretending orders to search for Recusants, whilest some detained the people of the house, the other robbed it of Plate, Moneys, Rings, *&c.* to a considerable value, for which they were found guilty and sentene'd accordingly: One of these, *viz. Butler*, *Alias Armstrong* had formerly been in a Robbery with *Thomas Sadler*, for which *Munday*, *Tatnam*, and others, were formerly Executed. *Brunker* was a Purser of a Ship, but was never known to have been in *Newgate* before, as likewise *Mills* and *Brown*, but they all confessed they had been vile livers, and desired people to take warning by their untimely end; and especially to be cautious how they were drawn into bad Company, the which had been the cause, and chiefest Instrument, of their disgrace and ruin.

Robert Freeman, who was indicted for killing his Master, he was brought in by the Grand Inquest Guilty of willful murder, and accordingly sentenced, and this morning, about Nine of the Clock, drawn upon a Sledge to *Little-Brittain*, a Gibbit being there set up, before his Execution he was very penitent,

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nitent, but would in no wiſe, to the very laſt moment of his Life, confeſs the Crime, he was ſolicited often and preſſed upon by many Miniſters.

The next was *Anne Sly* for murdering her Child, the which after its barbarous Execution ſhe cloſed in her Box, thinking ſo to ſecure the Crime; but that ſin which ſeldom is long concealed, in ſpight of all the cunning was brought in Guilty, but was graciouſly reprieved.

The next was one *William Brain*, who was indicted for that Ancient and ſo long practiſed Trade of Horſe-ſtealing, and was found guilty, and this day Executed; he ſeemed in outward appearance to be very ſenſible of his latter end.

The next was *Francis Jones*, for a Burglary; It was proved againſt him plainly, he could not deny the Fact; wherefore he was found Guilty by the Jury, and ſuffered for the ſame.

Timothy Smith, and *Margaret Wallis*, were found Guilty of a Burglary for breaking open ſeveral Locks in the *Strand*; the latter, having been an old offender, and having been before in *Newgate*, is ſuppos'd ſhe might intice the former into the Action, the which proved deſtructive to them both; they were both reaſonably penitent.

The next in this fatal Cataſtrophe was *John Holland*,

Land, for ſtealing of ſeveral Horſes; he had been an old Offender; and for long time uſed the fatal employ; he had been burnt in the hand at the *Surry* Aſſizes: he was condemned, but received a gracious reprieve.

And now one would think theſe lamentable and to be deplored Miſcreants ſhould be as ſo many Examples or Trophies of offended Juſtice, to warn, or rather reſtrain, all lewd perſons from their evil courſe, that they may turn back from thoſe pernicious pathes, that tend to Death and Hell.

FINIS.